manufacturing sector as per the data available from CSO. The steps taken to boost industrial production include, rationalisation and simplification of tariff structure, reduction in customs and excise duties, extention of benefits of MODVAT to capital goods, imposition of countervailing duty, reduction in minimum lending rates on commercial advances and corporate tax etc.

Loan application pending under Graduate scheme

1432. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of loan applications pending with Central Government for finalisation of loan to Under Graduate persons under the 'Under Graduate Scheme' for the last two year, year-wise;

(b) the details of applications finalised during the period 1993-94 and number of applications yet to be finalised during the year 1994-95;

(c) what are the reasons for non-finalisation of these applications at an appropriate time to those under graduate persons who are seeking for loan; and

(d) by when these loan applications would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) The Ministry of Industry is not implementing any scheme titled as "Under-graduate Scheme." However, unemployed educated youth who are matric falled or above or have done a six month vocational course or ITI passed are eligible for assistance under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana provided they fulfil the other norms of the scheme. Thus, Under-graduates are eigible for assistance under PRMY.

The scheme is implemented through State|UT. Governments and the State Agencies receive the applications for loans. The applications are screened and recommended to the banks for sanction of loans. As per information received from State Governments and Union Territories the applications received by the States|UTs. during 1993-94 were 229418. The applicaions recommended to the banks were 85631 and the applications sanctioned for loans by the banks were 31797. For the year 1994-95, the applications received by the State|U.Ts. are 614711, those recommended to the banks are 277841 and the number of loan sanctioned by the banks are 35369 upto 30 November, 1994. According to the available information, the number of applications pending with the State|UTs on 30th November, 1994 is 195253.

(c) and (d) The applications received in the District Industry Centres|Directorates of the State Governments are to be scrutinised by task forces constituted for the purpose. Viable cases of eligible applicants are forwarded to banks for sanction of loans

The process of inviting applications making recommendations by the District Task Forces|Directorates is a continuous process. Pending applications are to be taken up in due course for scrutiny. Applications pending at the end of the financial year are automatically considered during the next financial year and do not lapse at the close of the financial year.

Sick PSUs in Orissa

1433. SHRI BHAGBAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick Public Sector Units (PSUs) in Orissa;

(b) the reasons for their sickness; and

(c) the details of steps taken to revive those sick units?